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Introduced by: North

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ORDINANCE NO. **10037**

AN ORDINANCE specifying King County's process for assisting unincorporated area citizens to develop methods for improving local government for unincorporated areas.

PREAMBLE:

King County has participated with the suburban cities and Seattle in a Regional Governance Summit (Summit), which has recommended an expanded King County Council, merger of King County and the Municipality of Metropolitan Seattle (Metro), and significant changes in the relationships between the county and cities. This change will create an opportunity to review and improve local government for unincorporated areas.

The King County Council believes that any change in local government must respect the right of unincorporated areas to self-determination and recognizes that new options may be developed to improve local government in addition to incorporation or annexation to existing cities. The Council also acknowledges that citizens may identify measures to make the existing form of unincorporated area government more accessible and responsive to unincorporated communities.

The Council further recognizes that this process of identifying and implementing governmental improvement will require substantial staff resources and can be expected to take more than one year.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. In December, 1991, the King County Council initiate a process by which unincorporated area residents may recommend strategies to improve governance in their communities. The process will consist of appointing a citizen advisory committee in each designated area, who will identify governance alternatives which can be presented to the voter and/or the King County council for implementation.

SECTION 2. Beginning December 1, 1991, council staff will contact civic groups and other known interested parties to begin identifying those who could be appointed to the citizen committees. By January 15, 1992, council staff will present for council consideration a list of names of citizens in each designated area who are interested in serving on the citizen advisory committees. By January 30, 1992, the council will appoint members of each committee. Each committee shall include 12 to 17 members and shall be composed of

1 citizens living within the unincorporated areas of the
2 respective areas and shall include representatives from at
3 least the following categories: local jurisdictions, such as
4 school, water, fire, sewer, and hospital districts; community
5 groups active in previous annexation or incorporation efforts,
6 where applicable; and members of civic groups.

7 SECTION 3. Each citizens committee will be convened no
8 later than February 28, 1992. The first order of business for
9 each group will be to elect its chair. The committees will
10 meet monthly. Each committee will be assigned to a specific
11 council staff member, who will be responsible for providing
12 meeting notices and background information to the committee and
13 for arranging meeting facilities.

14 SECTION 4. Each committee will make a preliminary report
15 to the council by October 15, 1992, providing information about
16 the issues addressed by the committee, conclusions reached to
17 date, estimated date of completion of work, and issues which
18 will require state legislative attention during the 1993
19 legislative session. It is expected that each committee will
20 finalize its report and recommendations to the council no later
21 than June 30, 1993. The committee's final report will define
22 communities of common interest within which specific governance
23 improvements should be made and recommend ways in which
24 government may be made more accessible and responsive to those
25 local communities, including specific steps for implementing
26 those improvements. The committee recommendations should
27 consider available revenues and costs of services as well as
28 other issues. Each committee shall hold at least one public
29 hearing before presenting its preliminary report and at least
30 one public hearing before presenting its final report to the
31 council.

32 King County council staff support to the citizens
33 committees will report regularly to the council on the progress
34 of the committees throughout the process.

35 SECTION 5. The Metropolitan King County Council will

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1 review the citizens committee recommendations and will work
2 with the citizens to take the necessary steps to implement
3 those recommendations whenever possible. The council will
4 address the recommendations of the citizens committees within
5 90 days of their receipt.

6 SECTION 6. By July 1, 1992, the council will appoint a
7 countywide committee of interested state legislators, county
8 officials and representatives from the citizen advisory
9 committees, which shall serve as a joint study committee. The
10 joint study committee will review progress reports of the
11 citizens committees and options considered by the citizens
12 committees. In particular, the joint study committee will
13 develop appropriate enabling legislation, if any is needed, for
14 consideration by the state legislature in its 1993 session.

15 INTRODUCED AND READ for the first time this 22nd day of

16 July, 1991.

17 PASSED this 29th day of July, 1991.

18 KING COUNTY COUNCIL
19 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

20 Lois North
21 Chair

22 ATTEST:

23 Gerald A. Feltner
24 Clerk of the Council

25 APPROVED this 12th day of August, 1991.

26 D. Hill
27 King County Executive

UNINCORPORATED AREA GOVERNANCE PLANNING COMMITTEES - WORK PLAN
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Date	Committee Agenda Items	Staff Activities
January	Pre-meeting development	Prepare roster; schedule meeting; prepare mailing list; begin research, incl. setting up task force of Council community assts, Commun. Plan. staff and Transp. Plan staff to help.
1. February	<p>Introductions/Get Acquainted</p> <p>Orientation and Background</p> <p>Define the community</p> <p>Identify locations of services for each neighborhood:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Neighborhood shopping - Child care - Primary school - Community meeting place - Playground and playing field - Park or open space - Work opportunities associated with neighborhood level services - Secondary schools and/or college - Senior and youth centers - Civic meeting space - Performing arts center - Police station - District or municipal court - Social and health care services - Sporting facilities - Large scale commercial center - Transit services - Service/membership areas of existing Chambers of Commerce, community councils and other relevant groups <p>Identify boundaries of neighborhoods, urban communities and rural areas</p>	<p>Prepare exercise</p> <p>Familiarize self w/ proposed process, current governance, planning and other decisionmaking processes.</p> <p>Prepare packets w/ ordinance 10037, maps, comp plan revisions re communities, rosters, community plans, etc.</p> <p>Research the community. Map the services/facilities identified; identify population projections; identify constituent groups.</p> <p>Prepare mapping exercise for committee to place approximate boundaries around neighborhoods, communities, and urban centers.</p>
2. March	<p>Continue discussion of defining community</p> <p>Discuss and recommend changes needed in committee membership (if any) based upon definition of community</p>	<p>Preparation based on previous meeting</p> <p>Set up new committees, if needed, incl. recruitment, Council approval, etc.</p>
March/April	Community involvement process to review community definitions	Set up community involvement process, incl. setting up public meetings, publicity, responding to questions, etc.
3. April	<p>Discuss and recommend changes (if deemed necessary) to committee based upon definition of community</p> <p>Define the governance "problem" to be solved</p>	<p>Prepare "new" maps based upon committee's preceding discussion</p> <p>Develop brainstorming and prioritizing exercises for committee</p>
3. May	<p>Continue discussion to define governance "problem"</p> <p>Begin discussion of potential governance options</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Review staff information o Discussion o Identify additional information needed 	Research; prepare packet describing options, pros & cons, feasibility, legal constraints, implementation methods, financing mechanisms, etc.
4. June	<p>Continue discussion of potential governance options</p> <p>Begin process of elimination and prioritization of options</p> <p>Identify additional information needed</p>	<p>Continue research</p> <p>Develop exercise for prioritizing</p>

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5. July	Finalize prioritization Make preliminary recommendations	Continue research and prepare responses questions asked
6. August	Review and revise draft report to public	Draft report
September	Slack time	Finalize report with committee revisions. Set up public meetings for Sept.; prepare publicity; distribute reports; respond to questions from public
7. October	Public meeting to explain and hear comments about proposal	Prepare preliminary report to Council (per Ord. 10037)
8. November	Discuss public comments Revise report for transmittal to County Council	Prepare report from public meeting
9. December	Slack time	Work with other staff to prepare consolidated report to Council re each committee's preliminary report and recommendations
10. January/ February	Discuss additional revisions to recommendations Hear feedback from County Council, if any Discuss legislative strategies needed, if any	Prepare working documents for committee
11. March on	Finalize recommendations. Work depends on status of work to date	Work depends on status of work to date